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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE REISSUE APPLICATION OF : Willibald Kraus  
FOR : BLOCKING OF RETURN AIR  
SERIAL NO. : 08/230,083  
FILED : April 20, 1994  
EXAMINER : H. Joyce  
ART UNIT : 3404  
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**NOTICE OF SURRENDER OF ORIGINAL PATENT**

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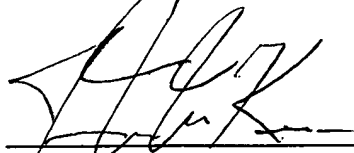
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.178 and as requested by the Examiner, the applicant hereby surrenders the original U.S. Patent No. 5,105,731 to Kraus (enclosed herewith) in favor of the above referenced reissue application (Serial No. 08/230,083) for which the issue fee was paid on February 5, 1997.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully submits that the reissue application is now in condition for issuance. Prompt favorable action is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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